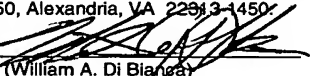




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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2008, finally rejecting claims 14-16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: